(b) whether Government have also specified that the Food Corporation of India may accept custom milled rice of 70 per cent share of 10 lakhs tonne paddy from the State agencies of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) On the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, it was decided that FCI and State Government would procure 10 lakh tonnes of paddy in the ratio of 30:70.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A quantity of 0.55 lakh MTs of paddy has been procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and 3.74 lakh MTs by the State Governmcnt/Agencies. Besides, FCI has also procured 65.77 lakh MTs of levy rice as on 6.8.2001. FCI has been accepting delivery of Custom Milled Rice from the State Government as and when given.

Rottening foodgrain stocks

1969. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge foodgrains stocks are rottening in Government warehouses and godowns of the Food Corporation of Indian which is not fit for human consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof, whether Government have decided to sell these rotten foodgrains in auction for using as manure;

(c) if so, the quantity of such foodgrains already sold in auction and likely to be sold in the near future for the purpose; and

(d) what arc the details of the corrective steps being initiated to stop the recurrence of such situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir. As on 1st of July 2001, the quantity of damaged foodgrains was 1.82 lakh tones out of F.C.I.'s the total stock of 327.06 lakh tones which is only around

0.56% of the stock. Out of this quantity, only 5848 MT has been categorized as manure.

(b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) undertakes storage of foodgrains in scientifically built godowns and in a scientific manner. The quality and condition of stocks is monitored by undertaking periodic inspection at regular intervals. Necessary, prophylactic and curative disinfestation treatments are undertaken. However, inspite of various steps taken, some damage to the foodgrain stock takes place due to long storage as well as natural calamities such as flood, cyclone, etc. Such damaged stocks retrieved after segregation/ salvaging which are unfit for human consumption, are classified as fit for feed, industrial use, manure and dumping etc. and first offered to the State Government/Military firms, etc. Thereafter the left over stocks are sold through tender/public auction to the registered parties who are bonafide users of these stocks by FCI.

(c) The disposal position of the foodgrains rendered unfit for human consumption during the year 2000-2001 (April-March) and 2001-2002 (upto June, 2001) is given as under:

Period	Quantity sold (In MT)
2000-2001 (April-March) 2001-02 (Upto June, 2001)	162234 37002

The disposal of damaged foodgrains unfit for human consumption are closely monitored as per the procedure.

(d) The measures taken by FCI for safe storage of foodgrains are given in the Statement.

Statement

Measures/steps taken by FCI/CWC for safe storage of foodgrains

To ensure safe storage of foodgrains and avoid any damage (excepting due to unforeseen/natural calamities), the following steps are taken by FCI/CWC.

(i) Foodgrains with moisture content within the safe storage limit as per uniform specification are procured/accepted for storage.

(ii) Stocks are accepted for storage in storage worthy constructed g6downs or on pucca plinths duly covered by polythene covers properly lashed to prevent ballooning due to high velocity wind. The constructed godowns have high plinths to prevent floodings.

(iii) Stocks arc also accepted on suitable dunnage such as wooden crates or bamboo mats sandwiched with polythene film to avoid absorption of floor seepage.

(iv) Stocks are properly stacked and periodically inspected very fortnight to check development of insect infestation, if any.

(v) The stocks are prophylactically treated with Daltamethrin, Malathion, DDVP for prevention of insect infestation.

(vi) In case of detection of insect infestation immediate curative action by way of fumigation with suitable fumigant is undertaken.

(vii) The stocks are issued on "first-in-first-out" basis so as to avoid damage to stocks due to prolonged storage.

Distribution of rice under PDS in Karnataka

1970. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly requirement of rice for distribution under Public Distribution System in Karnataka;

(b) whether Karnataka is facing shortage of rice;

(c) if so, what is the extent of shortage; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to supply required quantity of rice to Kartanaka under PDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) With the introduction of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997, the allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs are made as per TPDS guideline for families Below Poverty Line (BPL) and families Above Poverty Line (APL); and these are not demand based.